the Government on the recommendations made by the World Bank.

Non-performance of R & D in BHEL

19. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Science Advisory Committee of the Cabinet has recently gone into the R & D in BHEL to know the reasons for its non-performance;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) A Committee has been constituted by the Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister to look into R & D in BHEL. The Committee has not submitted the report.

Increase in Crude Oil Import Bill

20. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by what percentage country's crude oil import bill is anticipated to rise during the current year as compared to the previous year 1986-87;

(b) what is the comparative percentage of rise in the domestic demand for crude oil anticipated durthe current year as compared to the demand in 1986-87;

(c) what is the anticipated percentage of rise in the domestic production of crude oil during the current year as against the target and the extent to which the domestic demand is likely to be met as a result thereof; and

(d) what are the reasons for not achieving the crude oil production target during the current year stating the extent to which the new oil fields discovered in the country have been exploited so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The crude oil import bill is anticipated to rise by 46 per cent during the current year as compared to the previous year 1986-87.

(b) The processing requirement of crude oil during 1987-88 is estimated to rise by 2.4 per cent over the year 1986-87.

(c) During 1987-88 the target production of crude oil in the country is 30.46 MMT. This is expected to be met. The degree of self reliance will be 61.05 per cent with reference to the total petroleum products demand.

(d) Does not arise as target of crude oil production during the current year is expected to be met.

Strike in Heavy Engineering, Ranchi

21. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a prolonged strike in the Heavy Engineering Corporation at Ranchi recently, causing immense loss to it; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the strike and the efforts made by Government to avert or end the strike?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The reasons for the strike and the resultant lock-out are the multiplicity of Unions, inter-union and intra-union rivalries and